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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Medical & Behavioral Sciences Division

SUBJECT : Meeting with [REDACTED] NIH

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1. On 6 March 1968 I met with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the Division of Research Resources and Facilities
at NIH. [REDACTED] expressed his interest in having the Agency
participate in a joint "national center" which would have as its
major target the study of imagery processing. In the course of
the discussion, it appeared that this effort should include more
than just imagery, e.g., artificial intelligence [REDACTED] and pat-
tern recognition aimed at a variety of graphics and signatures. It
seems that they have also spoken to [REDACTED] about such a cen-
ter. [REDACTED] suggested that building in to an existing facility
such as the Rad Laboratory or Livermore might be considered.
[REDACTED] indicated that this might be desirable, although loca-
tions in Boston or Los Angeles should also be considered. He
envisioned a \$2-3 M a year program involving some thirty to forty
people including groups from the ILLIAC program [REDACTED]
and from [REDACTED] laboratory. He would, of course, like to
have the Agency contribute a substantial part of the cost. There
was considerable discussion about such a center. The salient
features of my own comments are as follows.

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a. I believe that the objectives of the center
should be very clearly spelled out, particularly the end
objectives. I doubt whether any mission-oriented agency
would consider funding such a center unless these objec-
tives were clearly in our best interests. This does not
preclude some basic effort being carried out, however.

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b. I believe they should consider a number of other agencies such as Agriculture, NASA, Interior, DOD and AEC, all of whom have or will have substantial requirements in the near future resulting from such studies as ARGO and the earth resources programs.

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c. I feel that [] suggestion has considerable merit and should be investigated with AEC. An arrangement, for example, to use Livermore would substantially cut down on the capital investment required, would allow for joint classified and unclassified research to be carried out in the same general location, and would remove NIH from direct management supervision.

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2. I told [] that I would be glad to pursue this matter with them after they have undertaken further planning, but I would not make any commitment whatsoever as to Agency participation in this center. As an added note, it seemed to me that [] had changed his point of view since arriving at NIH and was much more attuned to the real problems than he had been.

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